Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—I want notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Does the Government realise that people find it difficult to go to the shop fronts on the eastern side of the drain because of the fact that the drain is not covered. There was no accident there.

Mr. President.—The Chief Engineer is unavoidably absent and hence the details cannot be given.

Public Offices—Wadakkancheri—buildings for.

162. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the names of public offices in Wadakkancheri held in rented buildings;

(b) what is the annual rent paid for the buildings in (a);

(c) what will be the approximate cost to the Government to house these offices in suitable Government buildings?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b). See Appendix *(Appendix I).*

(c) Rs. 10,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know in view of the comparatively low cost for constructing buildings for housing these five offices held now in rented buildings costing the Government Rs. 546, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of putting up public buildings at this low cost of Rs. 10,000? It is only a suggestion.

Mr. K. T. Mathew *(Kunnamkulam).*—What is the principle that is being followed by Government in locating public offices at a certain place?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—It must be convenient to all the public.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether the office of the Deputy Inspector of Schools, item 4 in Appendix I, is not situated at a high level that you have to go 50 steps in three stages?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction).*—Government could not find out a better place. With regard to

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the office referred to, it is just as suitable as the lower secondary school. I do not think there is any very great hardship.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether in view of the comparatively low cost, these five offices could not be, with advantage, housed in public buildings where there is enough of space? Now the Munsiff's court and the Treasury office alone are located there. The land can be acquired at cheap rates.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The Hon'ble member's suggestion will be considered.

Guest House work—Ernakulam—progress of.

163. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

how far the work of the Guest House at Ernakulam has progressed;

the total amount spent till now?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—The plans are under preparation and the acquisition proceedings are in progress.

Rs. 150—12—0.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi).*—Were not lands acquired?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon *(Diwan Peishkar.)*—The awards have been sent up for the acceptance of the Government.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—May I know whether at the time of the discussion of a cut motion to omit the amount for Guest House it was not stated by the Hon'ble Member for Engineering that the whole of Rs. 1 lakh has already been spent?

Mr. K. Achyutha Menon *(Diwan Peishkar).*—It will be spent before the 32nd.

Aroor Bridge—construction of.

164. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Jews Special)*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the statement which appeared in the Madras papers that the construction

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